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NEW AIRFIELD UNDER CONSTRUCTION, EGYPT (S)

1. (TSR) On imagery of [] a new military airfield was identified 21 nautical miles (nm) north of Siwah and 40 nm east of the Egyptian/Libyan border. Uthman Airfield (BE []), which is in the mid-stage of construction, consists of a 3,000- by 40-meter runway, a parallel runway/taxiway, a 70- by 300-meter parking apron, four crossover links, and two end links. Twelve hangarettes are under construction—four in the early stage and eight in the mid-stage of construction (Figure 1). Also, there is an area which may be intended for four additional hangarettes. Five probable vehicle shelters were observed under construction.

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2. [] The airfield was not present on the date of the last previous coverage of the area, [] The first indication that there might be a new airfield in the Siwah area was from collateral information []

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1. US Army. Msg 2/PY/841-80, *Probable First Mention of New Airfield Located Near Siwah, Egypt* (SC), 121425Z May 80 (SECRET) []

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